

[54] **METHOD FOR ENCAPSULATING MATERIALS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A process for encapsulation is provided. Generally, the materials involved are those which tend to lose at least part of their original properties upon exposure to auto-oxidative, thermal, or humid conditions. The process comprises constituting the material to be encapsulated in or as a viscid medium and dispersing the medium as particulates into an atmosphere containing an agitated quantity of a powdered, sorbent, film-forming agent. The dispersed particulates must have a tacky surface. The powdered agent adheres to this tacky surface and sorbs sufficient liquid to form a continuous, substantially non-friable and dry encapsulating film around each of the particulates.

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